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SUBJ: PROJECT HI STAR SOUTH

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1. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE REPORT ON STATUS OF WASHINGTON CONSIDERATION DRAFT AGREEMENT TO COVER PROJECT HI STAR SOUTH AND OTHER PROPOSED ARPA PROJECTS IN AUSTRALIA. REFTEL IMPLIED THIS DRAFT AGREEMENT MIGHT BE READY IN LATE JANUARY OR EARLY FEBRUARY. WE HAVE HEARD NOTHING SINCE THAT TIME.

2. ORIGINAL TIMETABLE FOR AEROBEE LAUNCHES UNDER PROJECT HI STAR SOUTH SHOWS FIRST LAUNCHES TO TAKE PLACE IN APRIL , 1974. WE UNDERSTAND FROM ARPA REPRESENTATIVE IN EMBASSY THAT THIS SCHEDULE MAY SLIP BECAUSE OF DELAY IN PROCUREMENT OF PAYLOAD. NONETHELESS, PRESENTATION OF DRAFT AGREEMENT TO DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COULD HELP CONSIDERABLY IN RESOLVING ANY AUSTRALIAN CONCERNS RELATING TO STATUS OF USG PERSONNEL IN AUSTRALIA IN CONNECTION WITH PROJECT, INDEMNITY TO GOA IN CASE OF ROCKET MISHAP, AND IMPORTATION INTO AUSTRALIA OF EQUIPMENT NEEDED FOR PROJECT.

3. EMBASSY REQUESTS EARLY RESPONSE.

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